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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 remain pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 4 has been cancelled.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. In response, allowable claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 and accordingly the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, these claims have been amended and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-2, 5-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,419,238 to Flory. Because allowable claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 and this rejection is now moot.

Claims 3 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frory. Because allowable claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 and this rejection is now moot.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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